

Senior Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

11/16/15

1:00-2:30 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath	x	Suzanne Bohan	x	Paul Logan	x	Darcy O'Connor	x
Deb Thomas		Kelcey Land	x	Elyana Sutin	x		
Joan Card	x	Paula Smith	x	Martin Hestmark	x	Rick Buhl	
Alfreda Mitre	x			Sandy Stavnes		Patrice Kortuem	x
		Pat Gilbride	x				
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	x	Jeffrey Martinez		Melanie Wood, guest	x	Nobe Hattori, guest	x

1. Special Topics – Awards Board – Melanie Wood

- Awards were better written this year. Need to ensure that someone outside the program/region understands why the effort is award-worthy, and refrain from including too much technical detail. The Board recommended that SLT approve all but one submission; SLT concurred. Melanie will work with authors on the submission to HQ, which is due 12/7.

2. HQ Call

- Our thoughts are with those suffering from the recent terrorist attacks in Paris.
- The new Deputy RA for R3 is Cecil Rodriguez. R3 and R5 have new Regional Counsels.
- R3 will hold a Lean Summit this week; 150 people from EPA and other federal agencies are expected to attend.
- The Executive Management Council will meet 11/17-18; Deb Thomas is attending.
- The Grants Management Council will meet 11/17-19; Wayne Anthofer is attending.
- \$100,000 has been raised for CFC.
- The financial audits came back clean. The budget conversation continues.
- The Clean Air Advisory Committee meets this week.
- Using the International Travel Plan (ITP), HQ was able to identify EPA staff on travel in France.
- The Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection is visiting HQ this week.
- Hiring is open for skilled IT staff.
- On 11/20 there will be a meeting for Governors' staffs; Rebecca Russo will cover.

3. RA/DRA/Policy Advisor Highlights - Calendar Updates/Meeting Prep

Shaun

- On 11/18 there will be a special RLT meeting to update managers on Gold King Mine.
- The Union requested that they be notified whenever bargaining unit employees will be called to interview on GKM.
- Callie met last week with North Dakota on the Clean Power Plan. A meeting with Wyoming is being scheduled.
- On 11/12 Shaun met with Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal Campaign" re. regional haze and the Montana Colstrip plant.
- On 11/12 spoke to the American Water Resources Association workshop for state officials who develop state water plans.
- On 11/12 had the quarterly call with Janet McCabe on Clean Power Plan, SO2 and ozone.

- On 11/17 will attend the oral arguments on Wind River TAS at the 10th Circuit Court. ORC, DOJ and Alfreda will hold a debriefing with tribal chairmen following the arguments. Shaun will participate in a conference call later in the day with ORC, DOJ and Alfreda.
- Today, will meet with North Dakota Petroleum Council on the Clean Air Act and oil and gas rules.
- Today, will give an interview to the *Montana Standard*.

Joan

- Today, spoke at the American Water Resources Association conference.
- Deb is attending Utah Forum on Collaboration in Salt Lake City on 11/19.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

4. Report from Deputies – The list of upcoming hires will be discussed at the Resource Management meeting on 11/17. HQ approved creation of the new SES position for the water reorganization. Approval of the reorganization package is still pending.
5. Round Robin
 - Alfreda – On 11/30-12/2, she and Deb Thomas will attend the annual Great Plains Water Alliance conference in Fort Pierre SD and visit Lower Brule and Crow Creek tribes.
 - Patrice – R8 IT is continuing to update memory of computers. PARS forms may need to be updated and some did not use the current form.
 - Darcy – Working on consultation letters to be sent to tribes re. Dewey Burdock. Update on upcoming ADR session on Wind River permits.
 - Martin – Superfund tour last week went well. Update on US Magnesium meeting and Monument Butte meeting. Wyoming missile silos are former Defense sites, managed by the state; EPA has no regulatory authority. Will travel to Helena on 11/18 to meet on 11/19 with Sen. Tester, the Governor and others on Libby.
 - Paula – Public hearings on the Clean Power Plan will be held at R8 on 11/16-17. She, Rich Mylott and Virginia Till will represent R8 at a food recycling event at Aurora Preparatory Academy on 11/17. [Postponed due to snow.] *Newsweek* magazine is requesting information for a piece on Three Affiliated Tribes grants and associated issues. May exercise FOIA process for general documents; there are a number of additional questions that OCPI may refine with her soon.
 - Betsy – Will be on leave the week of 11/23; Missy Haniewicz will cover.
 - Suzanne – Update on CWA 404 referral about dredging in Saratoga Springs, UT. UIC redelegation coordination continuing between ECEJ, ORC and OPRA. Green border review of revised delegation will be needed. She will send an update to Shaun on the Johnson case.
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6. **RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS**
 - Suzanne will send an update to Shaun on the Johnson case.
 - Suzanne will alert Rebecca Russo to Saratoga Springs referral.